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SUBJ: ANKARA PROTEST DEMONSTRATION DRAWS VIOLENCE

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1. A GROUP VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT FROM 1500 TO 3000, MOSTLY YOUNG, GATHERED IN ANKARA'S TANDOGAN SQUARE AUGUST 23 FOR A RALLY AND MARCH ORGANIZED BY MAOIST GROUPS TO DENOUNCE BOTH U.S. AND U.S.S.R. AS "IMPERALISTS." ACCORDING TO FSL WHO ATTENDED MEETING, GROUPS REPRESENTED INCLUDED ANKARA AND ISTANBUL BRANCHES OF "REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH ASSOCIATION," TOPRAK-IS (THE SOIL WORKERS UNION), AND MEMURLAR DERNEGI (THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. SPEAKERS FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF TURKEY TOLD THE CROWD OF THE NEED TO ESTABLISH TURKEY'S INDEPENDENCE FROM THE TWO
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SUPER POWERS AND URGED LAND REFORM. PROTEST SIGNS AND

BANNERS CARRIED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS: "DOWN WITH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM." "DOWN WITH FEUDALISM; LAND TO THE VILLAGERS." "NEITHER THE AMERICAN NOR THE RUSSIAN BOOT; FREE TURKEY BELONGS TO THE WORKING PEOPLE." TWO RIVAL LEFTIST GROUPS, THE TURKISH WORKERS PARTY AND THE TURKISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, WERE SPECIFICALLY DENOUNCED AS "REVISIONIST" BY RALLY SPEAKERS.

2. LONG MARCH THROUGH DOWNTOWN ANKARA FOLLOWED. ONE GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS APPARENTLY DEVIATED FROM ANNOUNCED MARCH ROUTE AND PASSED NEAR A YOUTH HOSTEL, REPUTED RIGHTIST MEETING PLACE. CROWD OF SOME 150 RIGHTIST COUNTER-DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL SHOTS WERE REPORTEDLY FIRED FROM DIRECTION OF RIGHTISTS, NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. LEFTIST CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT ONE MEMBER OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH ASSOCIATION" WAS TAKEN UNDER POLICE CUSTODY.

3. NO RPT NO ATTACKS ON U.S. PROPERTY OR PERSONNEL OCCURRED. POLICE TOOK HEAVY PRECAUTIONS. ONE SMALL GROUP REPORTEDLY SOUGHT TO PASS THROUGH POLICE CORDON TO ATTACK USIS BUILDING BUT POLICE STOPPED THEM.

4. PARALLEL DEMONSTRATION IN IZMIR, APPARENTLY ORGANIZED BY SAME OR SIMILAR GROUPS, REPORTED REFTEL.
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